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Lt. Gov. Lynne to visit Western State Colorado University for scholarship award presentation

DENVER – August 16, 2016: Lt. Gov. Donna Lynne will visit Western State Colorado University (WSCU) for a check presentation on behalf of the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative’s award of more than \$53,000 to Western State Colorado Foundation.

WHO: Lt. Gov. Donna Lynne, Colorado Department of Higher Education and WSCU Leadership, Legislators, Other Dignitaries
WHAT: Colorado Opportunity Scholarship check presentation to WSCU
WHEN: Friday, Aug. 19 at 11:35 a.m.
WHERE: Western State Colorado University, 600 N. Adams St., North Ballroom, University Center, Gunnison, CO 81231

The university partners with local counties, in this case--Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Mineral, Ouray, San Miguel and Saguache counties to provide student support services on campus coupled with matching scholarship dollars. The money is matched 1:1, providing nearly \$107,000 in new scholarship dollars for students in this local area.

About the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship initiative:

The Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (Scholarship Initiative) was created to increase the attainment of postsecondary credentials and degrees for underserved students in Colorado. The project addresses this challenge in two ways: accessibility and affordability. To increase accessibility, the Scholarship Initiative funds programs that will help prepare students for postsecondary education, as well as support them through completion. To increase affordability, the Scholarship Initiative will provide tuition support via matching funds for community scholarships.

The Colorado Department of Higher Education is committed to reducing the “attainment gap,” which is the gap between Coloradans who traditionally go to college and Coloradans who are historically less likely to go to college. The Department of Higher Education is working toward that goal through a variety of ways, including addressing college affordability through programs like the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative.

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